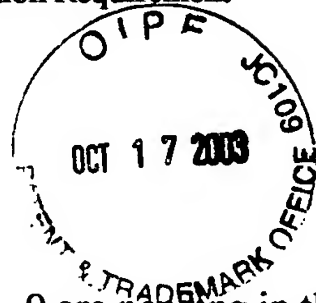


REMARKS



Claims 1 - 9 are pending in this case. In the Restriction Requirement, the pending claims have been grouped into two inventions, and election of one group to prosecute is required. **With this response, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of group I, which includes Claims 1-5. Claims to the non-elected Group II (Claims 6-9) are withdrawn.**

Applicants respectfully traverse the finding of the Office and request that the Requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that Applicants be permitted to prosecute all originally pending claims in one application.

Applicants acknowledge their responsibility under 37 CFR 1.48(b) to amend the listing of inventors if the restriction requirement, and Applicants subsequent election, so necessitates.

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